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1. FOREIGN MINISTER TRAN VAN DO INFORMED US BY TELEPHONE MORNING JUNE 27 THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO RUN FOR THE UPPER HOUSE. AS DEPT IS AWARE HE WAS ALSO CONSIDERING RUNNING AS GENERAL THIEU'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND HAD PROMISED THIEU A REPLY BY THIS MORNING. DO ADDED THAT HE WAS INFORMING THE PRESS OF HIS DECISION.

2. DO TOLD US THAT HE WAS NOT REQUIRED TO RESIGN FROM HIS PRESENT POSITION AS FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTORAL LAW AND CONSTITUTION. HE THEREFORE PLANNED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

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UNTIL THE ELECTIONS. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHO HIS RUNNING MATE WOULD BE ON THE TICKET BUT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THIS AND REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY ON IT.

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NOTE: PASSED S/S-O, WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA, USIA, NSA, 6/27/67 AT 3:22 A.M.

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